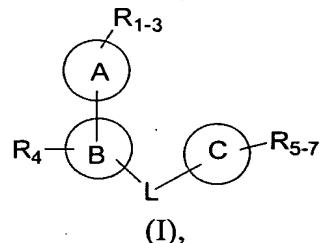


Abstract of the Invention

The present invention is directed to compounds of formula (I),



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or a pharmaceutically suitable salt or prodrug thereof, which are useful for the selective inhibition of protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B (PTP1B), and are useful for the treatment of disorders caused by overexpressed or altered protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B.